

PORTER COUNTY

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County Data

- Adult Smoking Rate – 26%
- Number of Adult Smokers – 28,339
- Smoking During Pregnancy – 15.9%
- Number of Smoking-Affected Births – 343
- Lung Cancer Incidence (2003-2007) – 73.0 per 100,000
- Lung Cancer Mortality (2003-2007) – 55.0 per 100,000

- Total Population – 146,798

- Ages 0-4 – 9,488
- Ages 5-17 – 28,314
- Ages 18-24 – 14,425
- Ages 25 and older – 94,571

- African American – 1,344
- White – 139,946
- Hispanic – 7,079

Tobacco Free Policies

Public School Districts:

- Duneland School Corporation
- East Porter County School Corporation
- MSD of Boone Township
- Porter Township School Corporation
- Union Township School Corporation
- Valparaiso Community Schools

Government Buildings:

- County Office Building
- Portage- City Building
- Portage- City Parks
- Valparaiso- City Building
- Burns Harbor- City Building
- Kouts- Town Hall
- Hebron- Town Hall
- Chesterton-City Building

Community-based Tobacco Control Coalition

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Porter County
- Centier Bank
- City of Portage
- City of Valparaiso
- Chamber of Commerce
- Chapel of the Resurrection
- Covenant Life Ministries
- Duneland School Corporation
- East Porter County Schools
- Faith Baptist Church,
- Family and Youth Services
- First Methodist Valparaiso
- First Presbyterian Church
- Harris Bank
- Hebron High School
- Hilltop Community Health Center
- Indiana Latino institute
- InMan's Recreation Center
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Ivy Tech State College
- Liberty Bible Church
- Magic Sports and Emerson Power Transmission
- MDWise
- Mental Health of America
- Methodist Church-Chesterton
- Moeller Funeral Home
- New Creation
- New Song Fellowship
- Northshore Health Clinic
- Northwest Indian Forum
- NWI First Steps
- Opportunity Enterprises
- Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
- Pioneer Products
- Portage Township Schools
- Portage YMCA
- Porter County Career Center
- Porter County Community Foundation
- Porter County Educational Interlocal
- Porter County Health Department
- Porter County Hoosier Health Coalition and Heartland Community Church
- Porter Hospital
- Porter County Prosecutor's Office
- Porter County Sherriff's Office
- Porter County Step Ahead
- Porter County Substance Abuse Council
- Powderder Tech
- Purdue Cooperative Extension
- Salvation Army
- Schoop's Restaurant
- Senator Richard Lugar's Office
- Smith Read Mix
- Steelworkers Union #6787
- Society of Advanced Practice Nurses
- Society of Human Resource Managers
- Society for Nurses in Advanced Practice and Porter-Starke Services
- The Caring Place
- Union Township Schools
- United Methodist Church
- United Way of Porter County
- Urschel Laboratories
- Valparaiso Community Schools
- Valparaiso Parks and Recreation
- Valparaiso University
- Valparaiso University College of Nursing
- Valparaiso University Student Nurse Association
- Valparaiso YMCA
- VNA Hospice
- WIC
- Work One and Workforce

Community Indicators

- Proportion of tobacco free campus policies for hospitals, health care centers, and clinics.
- Extent of community activism among youth to support community change that includes youth involved in the VOICE movement.
- Proportion of smoke free policies for worksites, including restaurants and bars.
- Extent of tobacco control policies on university/college campuses.
- Proportion of school districts with tobacco-free campuses.
- Extent of promotion of the Indiana Tobacco Quitline.
- Proportion of health care providers and health care systems that have fully implemented the PHS guidelines for cessation.
- Proportion of worksites that provide employer-sponsored cessation support for employees who use tobacco.
- Extent of participation by partners within the broad-based coalition.
- Extent of participation by groups representing disparately affected (i.e. hard to reach) populations in the community.

Funding

- Funding for July 2009- June 2011: \$220,000